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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US/EAST GERMAN NEGOTIATIONS

1. DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS BETWEEN THE US AND GDR IN WASHINGTON JULY 15-16, BOTH SIDES PRESENTED MAJOR ITEMS THEY WISHED TO RESOLVE. GDR DELEGATION SAID IT WISHED MOVE QUICKLY TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SUGGESTING THAT POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL ITEMS BE LEFT FOR LATER RESOLUTION. US SIDE TOOK POSITION THAT BEST WAY TO AVOID FUTURE DIFFICULTIES WAS TO GET CLEAREST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT NOW
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ON POTENTIALLY CONTENTIOUS ISSUES.

2. FOLLOWING IS STATUS OF VARIOUS SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS
UNDER CONSIDERATION:

(A) BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONDUCT RELATIONS ON BASIS OF VIENNA DIPLOMATIC CONVENTION AND PRINCIPLE OF FULL RECIPROCITY. US SIDE ASKED FOR SEPARATE UNDERSTANDING FOR AREAS NOT COVERED ADEQUATELY BY VIENNA DIPLOMATIC CONVENTION: ACCESS TO US FACILITIES, RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS,

AND FULL DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR US TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF. WE ALSO INDICATED THAT WE WOULD WANT RIGHT TO HIRE LOCAL STAFF OF ANY NATIONALITY. GDR TOOK PROPOSED US LANGUAGE IN THESE AREAS UNDER ADVISEMENT.

(B) WE ALSO INDICATED NEED FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT COVERING CONSULAR RELATIONS PENDING EARLY NEGOTIATIONS OF FULL CONSULAR TREATY. GDR SIDE INDICATED THAT IT PREPARED ENTER TALKS WITH US ON CONSULAR TREATY IN NEAR FUTURE AND PROPOSED THAT, IN INTERIM, BOTH SIDES AGREE TO OPERATE ON BASIS VIENNA CONSULAR CONVENTION. US AGREED TO STUDY THIS POSSIBILITY.

(C) ON CLAIMS, GDR EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS HAVE EARLY NEGOTIATION ON QUOTE OUTSTANDING PROPERTY ISSUES UNQUOTE. US SIDE ADVISED GDR IN FRANK TERMS THAT THIS WAS INSUFFICIENT, AND THAT SMOOTH BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP REQUIRED GDR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS CLAIMS OF NAZI PERSECUTEES, PREFERABLY DIRECTLY WITH CONFERENCE ON JEWISH MATERIAL CLAIMS. GDR HOWEVER ADAMANTLY HEWED TO LINE THAT IT HAD MET ALL ITS REPARATIONS COMMITMENTS UNDER POTSDAM AGREEMENT, AND IS NOT AUTHORIZED MEET FURTHER WITH CONFERENCE ON THIS MATTER.

(D) US PROPOSAL FOR WIDEST POSSIBLE UNIMPEDED TRAVEL BY MEMBERS OF RESPECTIVE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS WAS POSITIVELY RECEIVED BY GDR.
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(E) GDR ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED US CLAIM TO PROPERTY WHICH IT OWNS AT PARISERPLATZ AND AGREED TO STUDY US PROPOSALS ON FUTURE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY FURTHER WHEN GDR DIENSTLEISTUNGAMT OFFICIAL ARRIVES WASHINGTON.

(F) GDR SAID THAT IT WISHED TO CONSIDER THE SETTING UP OF QUOTE CONSULATES UNQUOTE ONLY AFTER THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

(G) GDR TOOK VERY HARD LINE ON HUMANITARIAN CASES
SAYING IT NOT PREPARED CONSIDER THESE CASES AT ALL
UNTIL AFTER CONCLUSION OF TALKS.

3. TALKS WILL RESUME JULY 17 WITH A DISCUSSION OF
LANGUAGE OF DOCUMENTS TO BE AGREED UPON AT CONCLUSION
OF NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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